CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A barrier defining a width and height for vehicles as might be found on a loading dock, comprising:
- a pair of vertical side members, each composed of metallic elements covered by a polymeric sheathing; and
- a horizontal member, also comprised of a metallic element covered by polymeric sheathing, spanning the two vertical members,

the horizontal member defining a height distance with respect to the loading platform into which the vertical members are received; and

wherein the vertical side members and the horizontal member are attached by way of a saddle weld.

- 2. (Original) The barrier of claim 1, wherein the horizontal member has a length which extends beyond the outermost extent of the vertical side members.
- 3. (Original) The barrier of claim 1, wherein the vertical side members have a length which extends beyond the upper extent of the horizontal member.
- 4. (Original) The barrier of claim 1, wherein the vertical side members and the horizontal member are attached by way of a removable fastener.
 - 5. (Canceled)